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Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

With more than 1.33 million residents, Palm Beach County is home to vibrant, growing communities where diversity and development are encouraged. As Mayor of the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, I'm proud of the economic and community developments we have seen here, especially among minority and women-owned businesses.

The investments necessary to keep Palm Beach County and its 38 municipalities thriving require continued partnerships with similarly growing companies and organizations. That is why, as mayor, I see the value in the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction and encourage you to do the same.

Comcast has a long-time partnership with Palm Beach County, due in part to its strong business presence in our communities and its broadband adoption projects, like Internet Essentials (IE). The company's ongoing support of Palm Beach County is an excellent example of its corporate citizenship. Because of Comcast's reputation for keeping its promises, our business owners, community organizations, and families know they can count on it.

Even in a thriving area like Palm Beach, some residents remain underserved by technology, which Comcast seeks to remedy with its Internet Essentials program. IE reaches more than a million individuals nationwide with affordable Internet access and computers, giving them the resources necessary to succeed in their education or enter the workforce.



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Comcast's community investment does not end there. The initiatives it brings to the community, such as Comcast Cares Day, sets a high standard for corporate citizenship in our area. In a community where economic development is encouraged, especially among our diverse minority populations, Comcast's partnership has proven valuable for all stakeholders. With time and continued growth, the benefits can only increase.

Therefore, I am advocating that you would take into consideration the breadth and depth of Comcast's community investment in Palm Beach County and support the expansion of these efforts through the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction.

Sincerely,

Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor

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